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During April 8 conversation on other subjects Alphand raised question that in addition round-trip by high altitude flights in corridor. Murphy confirmed there had been flight C-130, with C-97 of fairly routine nature and that US plans make another flight with C-130 at high altitude in next few days. Said these not repeat not provocative but aimed at preserving rights. Noted that Soviet Embassy in Pankow released statement which seemed indicate Soviet retreat on these flights.

Alphand said French have no repeat no objection to such a flight. Suggested but did not repeat not press for military consultation on subject.

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